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SUBJ: KUWAIT MILITARY DELEGATION VISIT TO CAIRO, AMMAN, DMASCUS

REF: KUWAIT 0065

1. LOCAL PRESS JAN 11 NOTES THAT KUWAITI MILITARY DELEGATION, LET BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF MAJ. GEN. MUBARAK ABDALLAH AL-SABAH, LEFT JAN 10 FOR VISITS TO CAIRO, AMMAN AND DAMASCUS. DELEGATION REPORTEDLY IS COMPOSED OF AT LEAST FIVE SENIOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

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2. PRESS SPECULATION IS THAT DELGATION WILL DISCUSS WITH EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS POSSIBILITY OF GETTING ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

SECONDED TO KUWAIT ARMY TO TRAIN IN SOVIET WEAPONS WHICH KUWAITIS BUYING. ALSO FLOATED IS IDEA THAT DELGATION MIGHT BE STUDYING NEEDS OF CONFRONTATION STATES WHICH KUWAIT MIGHT ASSIST. WHILE ALL THIS IS POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES GEN. MUBFAK INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT SYRIAN MOBILATION PLAN AS POSSIBLE MODEL FOR KUWAIT ARMY PLANNING FOLLOWING PASSAGE MILITARY CONSCRIPTION BILL BY KUWAIT NATIONAL ASSMEBLY (REFTEL). BRITISH ARMY LIAISON TEAM SOURCES AT ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS REGARD TRIP AS ROUTINE PERIODIC ONE OF NO PARTICULAR CONSEQUENCE.

3. EMBASSY HAS NO PARTICULAR REASON TO BELIEVE THAT DELEGATION VISIT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS STEPPED UP INTER-ARAB MILITARY COORDINATION RELATED TO LEBANON SITUATION. MAU

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